

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended and claim 6 has been canceled.
Accordingly, claims 1-5 are currently pending.

Applicants submit translations of the relevant
portions of the following documents.

1. Y. Kanada et al, "Global Array Data Flow Analysis Method" (Abstract): 2 pages, (relevance set forth on page 6, lines 7-14);
2. "Commercial Production of Policy Server Started" (p 144, p 147, L 11, p 148, L 40): 4 pages, (relevance set forth on page 1, lines 9-15 of the specification);
3. A.V. Eiho et al, "Algorithm Design and Analysis I" Front page, §5.7): 4 pages, (relevance set forth on page 25, lines 1-21 of the specification)
4. K. Ishihata et al, "Algorithm and Data Structure" Front page, §4.3(d), §4.5(f)): 7 pages, (relevance set forth on page 25, lines 1-21 of the specification)

The translations are submitted because the documents were crossed out on the PTO-1449 Forms. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith two PTO-1449 Forms and request that the Examiner consider the references with respect to the translations, and initial the references. The four listed references respectively correspond to the crossed out references on the PTO-1449 Forms submitted on December 7,

2000, as follows: AR on page 1, references AS and AT on page 4 and reference AS on page 5 of the previously submitted 1449 Forms.

Reconsideration is requested since Applicants have fully complied with the rules governing the content of an Information Disclosure Statement. See 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and (ii). The Information Disclosure Statement submitted by Applicants on December 7, 2000 complied with the requirement to provide a "concise explanation of the relevance" of each document", which "may be either separate from applicant's specification or incorporated therein." Applicants incorporated the concise explanation of the relevance of each document in the specification, as noted in the above list. As stated in the Amendment filed June 16, 2004, Applicants did not readily have a translation of the references when the Information Disclosure Statement was filed. Accordingly, Applicants submit the translations of the relevant portions of the documents herewith and respectfully request reconsideration of the references and return of the initialed PTO-1449 forms.

35 U.S.C. §§102 & 103

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mohaban in view of Mandal (U.S. Patent No. 6,170,009). The rejection of claim 6 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of the claim without prejudice or disclaimer. The cancellation of this claim should not be interpreted as an acquiescence to the rejection.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Mohaban (U.S. Patent No. 6,463,470). Reconsideration of the rejection is requested for the following reasons.

Claim 1 has been amended to include that the policy rule that is detected exists in a repository that depends on the newly entered policy rule whereon which the newly entered policy rule depends. As a result, it is possible to operate with a minimum of policy rules and data sets to be converted, and it is also possible to minimize the data quantity that needs to be transferred.

In Mohaban, the pre-determined SubPolicies attribute of the PolicyRule is tested to determine if the PolicyRule is simple or complex. See col. 24, lines 24-28 of Mohaban. The

program, therefore, just tests the pre-determined SubPolicies attribute of the PolicyRule. Accordingly, Mohaban does not disclose how to detect the dependence relationship, which is an important aspect of the present invention.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination is requested.

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